



### **Next Meeting**

7:30 PM, Thursday, July 10 at Shakey's Pizza, 5604 Sepulveda Blvd. (Exit the San Diego Fwy (405) at Jefferson and proceed east to Sepulveda Blvd.)

### Here's Your Last Chance

...to fill up on history and to meet, first hand, the legends of DX. Squeeze them for those great stories, find out how they worked Farqhar with the Schnell on fire. Coller 'em before the spouse drags them off to the Florida condo with the golf carts and Wayne Newton.

## **Totally Free Prize**

E verybodygets one, and it's not a cheapgive way, NO SIR! This is something you'll proudly show to your fiends. You want this, your cally do. And... BIG RAFFLE Prizes as well. T WO Hand-Held radios and a CPS 'fer instance. (See "Programs," Page 2)

# **Famous DX'ers Test Pizza**



Pamous DX'ers accompanied Will, KN6DV on a "dry run" at Shakey's. Here, Gus Browning, W4BPD, left, and Don Miller, W9WNV, right, sample Shakey's new concoction: Sour cream and mutton pizza. Gus, as you can see, was delighted, but Don said: "It's a bit spicier than the food I'm used to."

(Try it yourself at the "Pizza Bash-Old Timer's Night-July Meeting!")

Those **Sexy** QSL's: How to get 'em, Collect 'em, Trade 'em... Ummmm (Page 7)

# **Club Drives Member Insane?**

We had heard that Steve, W6FRZ, had finally been driven insane by his years of service to the Southern California DX Club. As we squinted in the darkness, the sky glowing with the lights of Vegas far in the distance, we searched for the barred windows of the asylum where Steve Locks was committed.

(I, too had been molested by my radio club, sold into slavery by the Southeast Cleveland Radio Society. I was handed a

bushel of paper scraps, crushed certificates and pencil stubs, was told to
"...read the minutes of the last

snored under a moose head.)
Steven, a callow youth of twenty-three, totally in awe of the icons of DX, undertook the **secretary**'s job in 1967, and commenced to personally write, address and post over a hundred postcards

(A distant, muffled scream, the voice is familiar, perhaps Steve, hanging bat-like in his padded cell, visions of Frank, W6AOA floating

every month.

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### 1997 Programs

by Will Angenent, KN6DV



This is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our club and a special meeting! It's our annual pizza bash and a celebra-

tion of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We'll be saying thank you to the charter members and past presidents for starting our club and keeping it alive.

Ever since I became involved with the club and the board I have wanted a meeting like this.

Thanks to Jim, N6KZ for sending out the personal invitations to charter members and past presidents and I hope you all are able to make it.

To make it even more special, each member visiting this meeting will receive a special 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary gift.

I am still working on the program for the evening. We are planning a unique slide show presentation, a surprise for many oldtimers and a good show for newcomers.

The raffle will be special. Here are the prizes we have so far:

#### **Grand Prize:**

Yaesu FT-50R 5 watt ultra compact dual band hand held transceiver VHF/UHF. 112 Memory channels; DCS and CTCSS Encoder, spare battery, charger and special computer interface and software for programming. This is a top of the line dual band hand held.

#### **More Prizes:**

- Garmin GPS 38 Personal Navigator. This is the model you can use with your TNC in the car.
- Alinco mini hand held radio, the smallest transceiver on the market.

The Deadline for the August

BULLetin will be

AUGUST 3<sup>rd</sup>

Please submit as early as

you can!

- Heil Sound microphone model HM-10. This is the microphone with dual elements installed: the HC-4 "DX Dream Machine" and the HC-5 "Rag Chewer Special"
- Daiwa CN-101L SWR and Power meter, the high quality Daiwa cross needle meter with a very nice appearance.
- The ARRL 1997 Hand book. The standard in applied electronics and communications. (includes software)
- The ARRL 1997 Antenna book (includes software)

Sandy Evangelista, K6HAE from National Wire and Cable Corporation is donating:

- 2 rolls of RG 213 coax (125' each)
- 2 rolls of NQ818J 8 conductor rotor cable (125' each.)

Thanks you very much Sandy for your generous donation. There are lots of small, wonderful items as well. ... $\mathcal{WU}$ ,  $\mathcal{KN6DV}$ 

## **RO Ramblings**

by Larry Shapiro, K6RO



As I write this, final plans are being made to make the July Pizza Bash a night to remember. Will, KN6DV has lots of sur-

prises in store for us, including special "OLD TIMER" guests and lots of great raffle prizes.

I spend a lot of time reading messages on the DX and Contest reflectors. The internet will do that to you.

Many of these messages are from fellow hams complaining about one thing or another. Most messages about ham radio equipment manufacturers are negative. People like to share their bad experiences with others. I would like to share a few positive experiences.

First, about Kenwood: A few years ago, I purchased an 850sat. This radio worked fine except it only put out 50 watts. Kenwood fixed it free, under

warranty. Soon after the warranty expired, three problems showed up: It failed when I took it to Grand Cayman, it failed in Mexico during the WPX Phone. These repairs cost over \$100.00 each.

The next time I used it was during Field Day. It failed again. Each problem was different, but always at the wrong time. Kenwood said it will cost another hundred bucks. I got mad and demanded a new radio, I thought I had purchased a lemon.

Kenwood gave me a new radio. I think they made the right choice and a happy customer.

When my tower failed, I called U.S. Tower and told them I would be up to see them before Fresno. When I arrived, Bruce, the owner of U.S.Tower, gave me the grand tour. (Quite a place he has there.) Afterwards, we sat down and made a deal on a HDX589 tower with remote control. I was quite happy.

When I returned home, I went right to the Redondo Beach planning department to tell them the good news and get my permit. As you all know, they changed their mind and told me "no way." I called Bruce and told him to put my new tower on hold while I tried to fight city hall. After getting nowhere, I called Bruce again and told him to change my order to the TX489 tower. He said, "no problem." Bruce never gave me a problem during the two months in which I told him to make it, don't make it, change it, etc. My tower is finally in my backyard waiting for installation.

Thanks to U.S. Tower for a great quality tower, great price and speedy delivery. I am again a happy customer.

Not all my radio experiences have been good, but I thought I should pass along a few positive ones, just to be different.

Thanks to Peter, WA6HXM for inviting me to help the Northrop Radio Club field day. I worked 20m along with Will, KC6X for a few hours. The rate was slow, but the food and beer were great. Hope to help out again next year.

73 and see you at Shakey's pizza on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

...Larry, K6RO

### **MINIPROP PLUS Predictions**

by Shel, W6EL



These MINIPROP PLUS predictions for the five prime HF bands show the times when propagation is expected to be best from Los Angeles to several locations that are expected to be active during the coming month. Other times are possible, but with weaker signals or lower probability. Openings are not expected on bands that are not listed. A solar flux of 70, corresponding to a sunspot number of 11, and an average geomagnetic field are assumed. Sunrise/sunset times are at the DX location. All times are UTC.

DX Location:	Band/Best Times:
OJ0 Market Reef - 7/10 to 7/14 Beam 20 degrees Sunrise/sunset (on 7/12) 0149/1949	20: 0030-0230 and 0430-0800.
SV5 Dodecanese - 7/9 to 7/23 Beam 27 degrees Sunrise/sunset (on 7/16) 0309/1723	20: 0000-0030 and 0300-0630.
9N Nepal - 7/8 to 7/28 Beam 337 degrees Sunrise/sunset (on 7/18) 2339/1313	20: 1230-1530.
JW Svalbard - 7/18 to 7/26 Beam 9 degrees	20: 1330-1730

JX Jan Mayen - 7/26 to 8/1 40: Try around 0330. Beam 20 degrees 20: 1330-1800.

Sunrise/sunset (on 7/22) None/None (Midnight Sun)

Sunrise/sunset (on 7/29) 0125/2356

## **QSL Corner**

by AI, NS6B

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•		CN8KD	Via Box 6343, Rabat,
4F41X	Via DU4IX Fransisco Lim,		Morroco
	Box 6119, Naga City 4400,	HH7PV	Via AA5DW
	Phillipines	JH6RHA	Via LA6RHA, Unni
5K0C	Pirate		Gran, Meliomaasveien
7Z1IS	Via SM0OFG		128, N-1414, Norway
9A9A	Via Croatian Contest Club,	MJ0AAZ	Via F5VDM
	Box 108, R-10001,	NH5C	Via JA5DQH,
	Zagreb, Republic of		Toshinobu Aki,
	Croatia		1-9-26 Ikono Osaka,
9A90CBD	Via 9A3UIF		544, Japan
9K2GS	Via WB6JMS	R1ANT	For '96 Via UA1MU,
A61AN	Not via WA2JUN (direct		For '97 Via UA1GO,
	only)		Y. D. Rodenko Box 216,
BY2HIT	Via Chinese Radio		198206 Leningrad,
	Sports Association,		Russia
	Box 6106, Beijing,	RP1ZM	Via UA1ZA
	100061 P.R. Of China		

S92VG	Via Gamito, Box 173,
	Sao Tome Principe,
	Via Portugal
SP0MM	Via SP8ARY
ST2AA	Via WB2RAJ
TG1ZZ	Via N4FKZ
TI5KD	Via T12KD, Carlos W.
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	Pedro 2050, Costa Rica
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V63NL	Via JA6NL
VO2WL	Via Club Station,
	Box 107, Labrador
	A2V ZK3, Canada
YR7G	Via YO7BUT
Z31FK	Via YU5FK
ZC4EE	Via G4SSH
ZK2EH	Via K8VIR, Edwin
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	Valley, AZ,
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### **Editor's Report**



Boyz! Lighten up! Here at the *BULL*, we take attribution very seriously. We'll stand behind anything you read

here or we'll cheerfully apologize for the error. But please take your complaint directly to the article's author, in this case W6LAX. His manuscript was printed verbatim, including the dates. We had to assume that information he wrote regarding his own wedding had to be accurate. (Wouldn't you?)

If'n I had my wish for anything submitted for publication in the *BULLetin*, I'd ask that it be in Microsoft Word, or Corel WordPerfect format. Our normal font is Times New Roman, size 10 - 12. For tabulated lists, please use TABS, not spaces. Send it to me as an e-mail attachment. You wouldn't believe how much time this would save me. It also helps to beat the deadline. The deadline for each succeeding edition is found on page 2.

Let's face it, if it's written with crayon on toilet paper and worthy of publication, it will be received with thanks.

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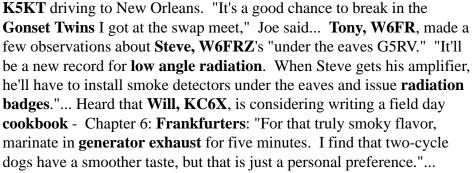
Dot... dot... dot... By Guglielmo Pookah, E1EIO



Ex-Prez, Neil Kaltman, K6SMF is rumored to be considering rejoining the club. "I heard they needed a bugler," he said... Al, K6YRA and Bunny, N6OVX toured the National Parks. Al said it was "for photography," but The Pook knows better - he was inspecting the parks for neatness. Someone heard Al say: "Yosemite is too dusty, Zion is too cluttered." In a letter to the US department of the Interior, he suggests arranging the monuments in Monument Valley according to size. "Right now," he sez, "they're

all over the place."... Yeah, yeah, Roger, W6LAX got his

wedding day wrong - but was it on purpose?... Is it true department: If **Hugh Allen**, **W6MFC** takes off his **hat**, his **tower** will fall down?... **Sanford**, **WA6KHM** is now **W6YY**, **John Knight**'s old call. Stepping into John's Florsheims, Sanford was overheard to say: "Wonder if I can use his **OSL cards**?"... **Joe Locasio**,



Well, Dot's a-plenty! ... Gugli

(The *BULLetin* is not responsible for Pookah's alledged observations. Gugli's portrait by 'Drew Duncan exclusively for the SCDXC *BULLetin*.)

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- 10. Uninvert.
- 11. Disrotate.
- 12. Unpropel BULLetin open.

# Mugged by Motorola

A ccording to the <u>Wall Street Journal</u>, Robert White, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, has been struggling with Motorola for years. He contends that they provided

defective transmitters for his cellular and paging systems and that he was given free pagers to distribute as a sort of "consolation prize." Now, Motorola says White owes them a few million dollars.



Paul Galvin, Founder of Motorola

This has driven White and his communications business into bankruptcy.

White's fourteen-year-old daughter wrote a letter to her idol, Steve Forbes asking him for advice to help her beleaguered father. (She had worked on Forbes' presidential campaign.) Forbes, for whatever reason, sent the letter to Christopher Galvin, CEO of Motorola. Galvin, recognizing the subject of pending legal actions, turned the letter over to company lawyers.

The Motorola Lawyers introduced the letter as evidence in their lawsuit and sent a copy to each of White's creditors. Whoever is on the side of truth in this issue isn't clear, but the use Motorola made of this letter seems downright unethical.

In the dream world of American pride and industry, Paul Galvin hatched a simple idea: every car should have a radio. The new ethic is written behind the shield of mega-corporate anonymity. The only possible good coming from this bloodthirsty tactic is some fraternal backslapping in the Motorola legal department conference room.

Beware, your honesty, humility and humanity may be used against you.



# Locks Bananas? (from page 1)

in the fetid air.)

"Doctor Locks, Steve's father, headed a brilliant family," said Tony Notaro, W6FR, a close friend, "he coached, and Steve passed his novice at age 12." Shortly after that, the family moved from Westport, Connecticut to Los Angeles and Steve passed his General, becoming WA6JLL at age 13.

It appears to be a gated, private community here in Henderson, Nevada. I guess that's how they disguise these places. Daytime in these curved, tree-lined streets, ex-dx'ers in strait jackets, heads down, march in endless circles.

Steve spent two years back in Westport, 1965-1966. He put up a big monobander and attacked the twenty meter band.

"My first DX," Steve said, "was 9G1A. He came back with such fast cw and I was so nervous, I wasn't sure I worked him." In 1967, Steve returned to Los Angeles. and in 1968, he became **Vice-President** of the DX Club. Bill Hoverman, W6FW was President.

Besides the aroma of bougainvillea, there's a hint of ozone in the air. There! In the distance, under the eaves of a structure, a corona discharge, St. Elmo's fire. Shock Therapy? We steer the Yugo in that direction.

And so it began, the water torture, the brainwashing. Here's, the young, naïve Steve Locks, running the projector for Gus, W4BPD. Slides of Bhutan and China. Even Frank, W6AOA sat in rapt silence.

Steve cried as Don Miller, W9WNV, told of saving the life of a young Zulu lad, improvising a blood transfusion using swamp reeds and the escapement from his Japanese pocket watch. Steve was ready to follow that brave, young doctor and DX idol anywhere. "Don handled those pile-ups like a pro," Steve sobbed.

It looked just like a beautiful house. Luckily, the Yugo stalled and we pulled soundlessly into the driveway. Cleverly draped under the eaves, glinting in the beam from our flashlight, the unmistakable smell of a G5RV.

And so, Hoverman fell from office, and our innocent hero ascended to the **presidency** in 1968. Before his eyes, the varied personalities came and went, as if in a dream. Amid the clanging of trays and the rattle of the conveyor at Clifton's Cafeteria, Tom Christian told of his family history on Pitcairn Island. Neil Kaltman, W6SMF and Dave Bell, W6AQ presided and Steve served on the **board of directors**.

A suggestion of light from an upstairs room and a shadow on the ceiling wearing headphones. Does this institution allow amateur radio? Is it therapy? Aversion therapy? It's either barbecue or Thorazine in the air. I'm not sure.



Steve, W6FRZ (left) with Martti Laine, OH2BH

Dan Davitt, N6CGB became club president in 1984. Rumor has it that Steve was drugged, and woke up the following day at the World's Fair in Vancouver, British Columbia as SCDXC **vice president** again. Secondarily, he pursued a career as a Registered Radiologic Technologist, received two degrees in Health Care Management. "Those *Lockses*! Overachievers," Tony declared.

We climbed up the trellis to peek through the window, I received a RF "bite" as my shin passed the antenna wire. We shrug into the bougainvillea as a patrol car sweeps a beam past us.

The paradigm of madness: Steven becomes **repeater chairman**. Yikes! Disgusted members hurl flaming epithets as the repeater, sited on a hill at K6RR in Orange County, fails to provide satisfactory coverage. Some-

where around this time, Steve adopts a faraway look and a slight unsteadiness in his gait. His admission to the laughing academy is assured as he serves again as **secretary** during the Pete Meyer, NOAW presidency. For the next two years, Steve and Rick, W6SR **publish the BULLetin**.

Steve's doctor has sent a report to the National Institute of Health, connecting Steve's "imbalance" to his two years of licking stamps (3,192). "The glue gummed up his synapses," the doctor said.

Steve comes to the door in his robe and muffy slippers. He looks particularly relaxed. "Did anyone see you?" He asks, "the neighbors don't cotton to ham radio." He explains that he sold his FT1000 and antennas when he moved last April. Compulsively, he couldn't keep away from it, so he operates with a new TS570D and his clandestine G5RV. "Gets out great!" Steve says.

"I miss the club, but I'm enjoying the community here," Steve declares. So it's not the nuthouse after all. Steve tells us how he passed traffic after the Northridge earthquake, and rescued a ship off the coast of Alaska. His DXCC total is 340, with 326 out of the current 329 confirmed. His mouth foamed: "Those last few are driving me nuts!" "Shhhh!" we warned as we slipped out the door.

"Say hey to the guys," Steve calls as we push the Yugo down the driveway to give it a jump start, "I'm gonna get me an amp. Yeah, that's it, a big amp," Steve hissed through clenched teeth.

As the four-banger in the Yugo coughs to life, we see the blue sparks jump off the G5RV: "CQ UJ8," over and over and over again compulsively, obsessively, totally mad. Coming into town, we hear the club repeater, W6AM, or is it W6FRZ? Or is it W6AM? Or is it...



### **Packet Derby**

by Harvey Shore, K6EXO



Here are the results of the June spot posting contest I intend to post the scoring criteria, points for countries spotted on the club webpage in the next

few weeks. This will be the last month that non-club members will be listed.

G	<b>G</b> ,	a
<u>Spotter</u>	<u>Spots</u>	<u>Score</u>
N6RT	269	260
W1HIJ	136	134
K6YRA	81	90
W6LAX	64	62
W6ZH	29	28
AJ6A	26	24
W6AUG	22	22
N6HL	17	17
WU6T	11	11
K6FG	9	9
KR6C	11	9
W6BL	9	9
W6KK	8	8
W6OES	8	8
K6JL	1	6
W6RW	6	6
K6WS	5	5
AA6RK	4	4
KJ6ZH	5	4
KK6T	4	4
N6UC	4	4
AC6RN	3	3
KC7QN	3	3
N6HC	3	3
N6KZ	5	3
N6WMK	4	3
W6EJJ	3	3
WA6TLA	3	3
WA7BNM	3	3
KC6T		2
KN6DV	2 2	2
NQ6N	2	2
W6EA	4	2 2
W6RT	5	2
AI6Z	1	1
K6DU	1	1
K6LD	1	1
	3	1
KF6HI N6GB	3 1	1
N6GB	1	1
N6IC	1	
WA6WZO	1	1

(The Packet Derby automatically assigns points to stations spotting DX on the packet network. High-point winner will receive a prize...ed.)

### Heard and Worked

Signals don't get to the sunny shores of Southern California like they get everywhere else. Sometimes, a band is open for just a few minutes. Sometimes, a rare country appears at a crazy time or frequency. Here are selected reports from local stations. Send your report for July - August to the Editor.

<u>Date</u> <b>80 –</b>	<u>Time</u>	Band	<u>DX</u>
6/26	1019	80/CW	ЕМ1НО
40 –			
6/7	1525	40/CW	BV3/DJ3KR*
20 —			
6/1	1648	20/CW	RV7AA*
6/2	1523	20/CW	UE4HAT
	1550	20/CW	OH0LIZ
6/4	1638	20/CW	SV5/HA6NL*
6/11	0347	20/SSB	R1MVI
	0403	20/SSB	ER2AA*
6/12	1550	20/CW	OM3LA
6/13	1417	20/SSB	Z31VP
6/14	0402	20/SSB	SU2MT
6/15	0454	20/CW	YU4WU
	0501	20/CW	SV8CKM*
	0512	20/CW	Z32XA*
	0533	20/CW	5B4/G3LNS*
6/17	1611	20/CW	IK3VIA*

6/18	1500	20/SSB	XV7TH
6/19	1501	20/SSB	HS8FZ
	1506	20/SSB	9M2OM
6/23	1515	20/SSB	9M8ZZ*
6/25	1606	20/SSB	VS97KM*
6/30	1457	20/CW	CY9AA
6/27	1438	20/SSB	VS97KM*
17 -			
5/29	1603	17/CW	SP2GJV
5/30	1535	17/CW	OK1IF
6/8	2141	17/CW	YV1DIG
6/14	1556	17/SSB	OH5AB/MVI
	1602	17/SSB	OH5TB
6/21	1805	17/CW	ZP6VT
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### \* Notes:

BV3/DJ3KR RV7AA SV5/HA6NL ER2AA SV8CKM Z32XA 5B4/G3LNS IK3VIA 9M8ZZ	via via via via via via	DJ3KR NT2X HA6NL ex-UO5PK SV8JE KM6ON RSGB EU-130 PA3FWG

(Thanks to N6HL, K6YRA)



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here lies undiscovered beneath the

straight-laced and stodgy exterior of

ham radio, a tender and perfumed under-

belly of erotica. What distant desires and

cloying emotions are trapped between the

"W8SLR", I sent to several QSL printers

Shop, W8DED, etc. A prominent sample

stood above the pile whereupon the printer

had neatly typed "Sweet Loving Redhead."

(Remember, this is the 1950's - before we

were "sensitized.") The picture on the card

was a voluptuous "Vargas Girl" on a swing,

finally tucking it into my locker of "forbid-

ring, punks, cherry bombs, clippings from

sender, for (mostly "he") has no idea where

these bizarre cards will probably gain value

the risqué missile will land. With old and

unusual QSL cards selling as antiques,

much more quickly than the "run-of-the-

One must admire the cheek of the

her short skirt caught in the wind. I

"Stag"). I was twelve years old.

examined the card from several angles,

den items" (cigarettes, comics, decoder

for samples - Rusprint, The Little Print

Having received my new license,

headphones?

mill."

Here is a new facet in a multifaceted hobby. Let them worry about propagation and big antennas, how about "Topless DXCC?" Long after twenty meters has folded, there are the quiet nights, searching for the elusive "Bare Behind WAZ."

There are also the strange and unusual cards. K6UA/A6 an example: "Illegal, Unauthorized Operation from the docks at Dubai."

## Here are some stations to look for:

HI8A: "Two bathers lounging on a beautiful, secluded beach."

ZS1TZ: "Naked Zulu warrior."

NP2I: "A postcard including a rocky beach."

BV7FC "Nubile figures on various textures, different variations, collect them all."

K4NBN "Haven't heard from him for some time. 'No Bad News'."

G4LJF "Ian sometimes creates interesting pictures from his travels."

K5VRX "Wish Roger would travel more." (Thanks K6LA, W6DN)

**Editor's Report** 

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Our circulation is up nearly twenty percent since the first of the year. Your totally free classified ad will reach even more discerning, well-heeled and free-spending DX'ers. Our ad rates are pitiful, so low, we're ashamed to print them. Want to get rid of all those broken toasters? This is the place!

Keith, K6DAB is now K6LD. Art, W6EA remodeled his shack, and KR6C is Cut here

putting up a tower - watch out!

Would you believe SCDXC has thirtyone surviving past-presidents?

Fried Heyn spoke at the June meeting and showed some ARRL software. He announced that Dayton is slated to be an ARRL convention in 2000. He described the Amateur Auxiliary and some upcoming license examination changes. AND... It's "Fried" as in "seed" and "Heyn" as in "fine." Remember - you heard it here first!

You know who you are, you rascals who sent the letters, e-mail's, made the 'phone calls... Your kind words about the *BULLetin* make it all worthwhile. Thank you. ...Harvey

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